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Dear Sir/Madame;

After reading through the related documents to the settlement, I'd like to share some of my thoughts. To begin, I am a Microsoft stock holder. I also hold shares of some other technology companies. I bought Microsoft because of its unique (monopoly like) position in its industry. However, I also bought Microsoft stocks because I like its products. There are some features which Microsoft pushed hard on its operating system which I would rather not have. But in general, comparing to the other services, AOL, AT&T, Cable, Utilities, I like the Microsoft products best.

Now, the main reason I am writing this letter. I am in agreement for most of the proposals except for "Java" and "Netscape" clauses. I am for Microsoft because I don't think these parts of the case were brought by the right group of people. They were not for consumer, but for the competitors of Microsoft. The major proponents of this case are Sun, Oracle, AOL, and former NetScape. I have used all of their products extensively. Some of their products are very good, but definitely not cost effective for the majority. They lost their market share to Microsoft not because of Microsoft monopoly but because of their strategies were not accepted by the consumer. The consumer would not want to pay several times more for his computing systems. By the way, on one hand these competitors are suing Microsoft for its monopoly, on the other, they try very hard to be the next Microsoft! I believe strongly, Sun, Oracle and their accomplices are not for consumer in general. Consumers would be hurt even worse. Also, there is no such thing as impeding technology innovations. As we have seen, most of the technologies of late 90s were hype and doomed to fail. The few that remain will stand regardless of Microsoft or not. It's the nature of capitalistic market.

Thank you for your time.

--Michael